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## FEDERAL GRAND JURY CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS ANNOUNCED

David E. O'Meilia, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, announces the results of the June 2008 Federal Grand Jury.

The following named individuals have been charged with a federal crime or crimes by the return of an indictment by the Grand Jury. The return of an indictment is a method of informing the defendant of alleged violations which must be proven in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt to overcome the defendant's presumption of innocence.

Gerald Duane Cunningham. Possession of Unregistered Shotgun Having Barrel Less Than 18 Inches in Length. The defendant, age 51, of Chouteau, Oklahoma, was allegedly found in possession of a 12 gauge sawed-off shotgun in his possession in Chouteau on March 14, 2008.

<u>Luis Alberto Pina and Eri Lajara.</u> *Possession of Five or More Kilograms of Cocaine With Intent to Distribute.* Pina, age 46, and Lajara, age 28, both of Philadelphia, Pa., were allegedly found with a large amount of cocaine in their vehicle in a traffic stop by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol on eastbound I-44 on May 14, 2008.

Rogelio Vasquez Urirate. *Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute.* The defendant, an undocumented alien residing in the Tulsa area, was allegedly found in possession of over 500 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute in Tulsa on May 27, 2008.

<u>Cynthia Michelle Odom.</u> False Claims Against the United States - Tax Refunds. Odom, age 30, residence unavailable, is accused of causing fourteen fraudulent federal income tax returns to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service in 2006 and 2007. The alleged false returns were submitted in her name and in the name of others and each one resulted in a tax refund payment made to her ranging in amount from approximately \$3,000 to \$6,000.

<u>Bertin Jaimes - Osorio.</u> Alien in the United States After Deportation. The defendant, age 35, an undocumented alien from Mexico, was allegedly found in the Tulsa County Jail on April 23, 2008, after transport there due to his presence at the scene of an incident in Mayes County. He was

previously deported and removed from the U.S. in 2000 due to a 1997 drug conviction in Nebraska and his status as an illegal alien.

<u>James Leslie Goodman.</u> Robbery, Attempted Robbery, Use, Brandish & Carry Firearm During Crime of Violence. Goodman, age 28, of Grove, is charged with the robberies of the A- Mart convenience store, 1120 S. 107<sup>th</sup> East Avenue in Tulsa, on March 23, and the Kum & Go convenience store, 10032 S. Mingo Road in Tulsa, on March 24, 2008.

<u>David Kent Skalla.</u> *Bank Fraud.* The defendant, age 27, of Tulsa, is accused of cashing thirteen large counterfeit checks at four Tulsa area financial institutions between May 2006 and September 2007. The alleged counterfeit checks ranged in amount from approximately \$1,000 to \$408,000.

<u>Sarah Valencia.</u> *Embezzlement of U.S. Mail.* Valencia, age 25, of Tulsa, while employed as a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Jenks, allegedly embezzled approximately 112 pieces of mail entrusted to her for delivery during the months of November and December 2007.

<u>James Juan Bryant and Landa Deon Anderson.</u> Conspiracy, Use of False Social Security Number, Aggravated Identity Theft. Bryant, age 46, and Anderson, age 29, are both from Ft. Worth, Texas. They are accused of using the stolen identity information of actual Texas residents to open lines of credit and receive instant temporary credit cards at Tulsa merchants Home Depot, Lowes, Target and Office Depot in October 2007. The defendants then allegedly used the credit to obtain large amounts of merchandise from those retailers in the local area and elsewhere. Furthermore, they are also accused of cashing counterfeit checks using the names and identity information of the Texas residents.

## **Sealed and Superseding Indictments**

There were two indictments issued by the Grand Jury that remain sealed. There was one superseding indictment returned in the case of **Richard Glen Simon**, a felon with firearms charge originally indicted in May 2008.